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1. The Berlin headquarters of the National Front sends propaganda material by mail to recipients in Western Germany. Since the establishment of the DDR information office, names of persons living in Western Germany have continuously been reported to Berlin by the Communist Party machinery in Western Germany for the purpose of compiling mailing lists of persons in the West who are to be supplied regularly and free of charge with N F propaganda material. Most of these persons are not registered members of the Communist Party of Germany but are believed by that party to follow a progressive line and to be susceptible to the ideology and propaganda of the National Front. As an illustration, 40 persons, mostly intellectuals, are being supplied with material in Coburg (M 51/0 28), in addition to the Coburg functionaries. Communist functionaries receive duplicates of each pamphlet with instructions to pass on one copy. Postal delivery is made regularly once a week. *
2. The handwritten addresses on the envelopes indicate that they are frequently written by the same person. Return addresses stamped on the envelopes are definitely believed to be fictions. The following return addresses were noted: Mia Tanne, 45 Mauerstrasse, Berlin W 8; Elfriede Penther, 53 Taubenstrasse, Berlin W 8; Karl Dittmar, 35 Heinrichstrasse, Berlin-Lichtenberg. **

25X1A * [REDACTED] Comment. It was reported that a campaign for the National Front in Western Germany and for the spreading and intensification of its subversive activities was discussed at a meeting

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of the information department of the German Democratic Republic. It was decided that functionaries of the National Front in Western Germany report to Berlin addresses of those persons, who appear to be suitable for active cooperation with the National Front in order that they may be supplied with propaganda material.

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